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File No. 100 122142 ✓
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Date: September 9, 1954
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico City 100-1422
Subject: AUDREY LORDE, aka
Audrey Lourdes
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The captioned individual told the informant that she resides in New York on or near 7th Street, and that she would be returning to New York in the very near future. She further stated that she had been in Mexico since March, 1954, studying at the Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City.

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Extra copies of this communication have been prepared for the information and possible use of the San Juan and New York Offices.

As no specific background data are available concerning the subject it is not felt that local dissemination is warranted.

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"Daily Worker" issue of 9/3/50 p. 7 col. 4
Freedom of the Press, Inc.

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Article captioned:

"New Issue of Harlem Quarterly On the Press".
The Summer-Fall 1950 issue of
Harlem Quarterly, edited by Benjamin A. Brown,
is now on the press.

The issue includes short stories by John
Hudson Jones and John Lee Weldon. Also
articles on Bop and Society. The role of the
Church in Negro Life, The U. N. How To Lose
Friends and Antagonize Negroes. Poetry is
contributed by Aaron Kramer, Theodore
Stanford, Les Richards, Waring Cuny, F.
Marcel - Turenne des Pres. Hope Kern
and Livingston Audrey Lorde and Mattie
L. Goode. Book reviews, play reviews and
an editorial rounds out the issue,
which will soon be available in all
progressive bookshops and at Box 912, G.P.O.
New York, 1, N.Y.

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Director, FBI (100-413658)

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~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 30, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-413658)

SUBJECT: AUDREY LORDE
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Report of SA Robert T. Fieldhouse dated 10/7/53 at N.Y. captioned Joan Alexander (NY file 100-110123-14) reflects subject, Audrey Lorde, resided at 141 W 87th St, N.Y. until 8/18/53 with Joan Alexander.

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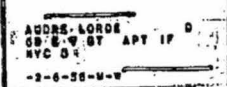
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK () DATE: MAR 26 1957

FROM: SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, 7-2

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]



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IT THE MOVING [REDACTED] SM-C

The photograph of subject's name and address appearing above was taken 3/5/57 by SAs JOHN T. MURPHY, LEON F. SCHWARTZ and GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, and photographer ROBERT E. BYRNES from a list of names furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the list was furnished him by [REDACTED], as representing the subscribers to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker". The "Daily Worker" and its Sunday edition "The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper. The photographic negatives obtained are filed as an exhibit in NY 97-169-1A2016.

The source and technique utilized in obtaining this information must be concealed if used in any report.

Explanation of the symbols appearing under the subject's name and address appears on the reverse side of this memorandum, and was furnished on 3/25/54 by former [REDACTED] to furnish reliable information, to SA EVERETT K. DEANE and SE PAUL G. MITCHELL. It is filed as an exhibit in 97-169.

It is recommended that this case be reopened for interview under the provisions of SAC letter 56-34
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- 1. [REDACTED]
- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. [REDACTED]
- 4. [REDACTED]
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- 6. [REDACTED]

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SYMBOLS

The last line of the subscribers stencilled name and address indicates:

1. Date of expiration
2. Length of subscription
3. New-straight renewal or old renewal
4. Name of paper
5. Whether direct or through an agent.

To determine length of sub we use symbols A thru M (Omitting I)

A - 1 mo.	H - 8 mos.
B - 2 "	J - 9 "
C - 3 "	K - 10 "
D - 4 "	L - 11 "
E - 5 "	M - 1 year
F - 6 "	2M - 2 years
G - 7 "	

"F" (6 months) and "M" (1 year) are most often found on THE WORKER subs, also "K" (10 months).

For fractions of a month, $\frac{1}{2}$ is used.

EXAMPLE: 7-14-47 M W refers to a Sunday Worker sub for one year, expiring July 14, 1947.

7-14-47 F $\frac{1}{2}$ W refers to a 6 mo. Worker sub which will run for an extra week over the 6 months, and which expires July 14, 1947.

For subscriptions that are renewed within two weeks after expiration, the symbol "R" is used, to show that no copies are missed, e. g., 7-14-47 FR.

For subscriptions that were renewed after the date of expiration and the two weeks of grace, the symbol appears as RS, e. g., 7-14-47 RS which signifies that the subscription was renewed after expiration.

If the subscription is received through an agent of any kind, the symbol "A" is found at right of the plate, e. g., 7-14-47 M W A

If THE WORKER subscription was a combination sub, the symbol D is included, e. g., 7-14-47 MW D

DAILY WORKER

A Daily Worker subscription appears as follows, - 7-14-47 M or 7-14-47 C (3 mo) 7-14-47 F (6 mo) if a Sunday paper is included, 7-14-47 MS, 7-14-47 C S (3 mo) etc.

Press Club subs, bear the symbol P, PM for one year, PF (6 mo) 7-14-47 PM, etc.

Date _____

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AUDRE LORDE

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May 29, 1957

TO: SAC NEW YORK (100-122142)
 FROM: SA JOSEPH T QUIGLEY (19-2)
 SUBJECT: ANDREY LORDE

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Security Informant Program

*Purpose of Memo: Authority requested to interview subject under
 SAC Letter 56-34*

Occupation: Student, Hunter College

Residence: 63 East 7 St. NYC

*Subversive Activity: Was an associate of known Communists while
 attending school for a short time in Mexico in 1954; resided
 for a time with Joan Alexander in 1953, an L.Y.L. member
 during 1951 and 1952; "Worker" subscriber in 1956; resided
 with Ruth Heit in 1955 who was very active in the American
 Committee for Protection of Foreign Born*

*Miscellaneous: In the file on Ruth Heit and Joan Alexander there
 is a statement that Alexander may be a lesbian. Nothing
 further on this.*

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Details: Residence verified through neighbors. She lives by herself at stated address. Occupation verified through former and subsequent report of liaison with Hunter College.

June 12, 1957

TO: SAC New York (100-122142)

FROM: SA Joseph T. Ziegler 19-2

SUBJECT: AUDREY LORDE

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Security Informant Program

Re memo 5/29/57

Subject was interviewed 6/11/57 at her residence, 63 East 7 St. NYC by SAs Herbert K. Stelling and Joseph T. Ziegler.

Subject was very cordial, invited the agents into her apartment and was friendly throughout the interview. She stated that she disliked Communism but she would be unable to bring herself to the point where she would report on them. She stated that she believed Communism was evil but the people she once thought were Communists were misguided and would, eventually, see things the American way. The only person she mentioned during

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the interview that she considered a Communist was her former room-mate, Ruth Heit. The subject matter of past associates of the subject who may have been members of the C.P. was waived off as it was apparent that this thought was repugnant to her.

The interview lasted approximately twenty five minutes and was terminated on a friendly basis. She was asked to give the matter of cooperating with the Bureau further thought and give us her decision at a later date but she said she was sure that she wouldn't change her mind. On leaving, the subject asked how she could get in touch with the agents, a question which was unsolicited.

It is the belief of the interviewing agents that subject will not contact them and that the case should be returned to a closed status.

The information re Ruth Heit has been furnished to the Chicago office who is origin in that case NY File 100-67336

SAC, CHICAGO (100-30714)

6/17/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-67336)

RUTH HEIT, was
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On 6/11/57, AUDREY LORDE, subject of NY file 100-122142, was interviewed at her residence, 63 East 7th St., NYC, under the Security Informant Program by SAs HERBERT K. STALLINGS and JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY.

LORDE was friendly during the interview, but would not cooperate with the FBI to the extent of informing on her friends. She stated that she was never a member of the CP and wondered why the FBI was interested in her for this work. She was told that it was known to us that she had associated with Communists, and she remarked as if answering her own question, "probably because I formerly roomed with RUTH HEIT."

This remark was not followed up by the agents as they felt their primary concern was to enlist the cooperation of LORDE and if successful, her knowledge of RUTH HEIT would be forthcoming at a later date. However, as it turned out, LORDE's main objection to assisting the FBI was that she would not report on her friends. No further interview with LORDE is contemplated, as it is felt that she would give no information regarding HEIT or anyone else she knew.

- 2 - Chicago (100-30714) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-122142) (LORDE) (19-2)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, ALBANY (100-)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDONWAY ASSOCIATES, INC.
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DATE: 5/3/72
4/28/72

"Freedomways". Vol. 12, No. 1, 1972, a publication of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was purchased April, 1972, at the Jefferson Bookstore on 16th St., off Broadway, NYC.

The official publication of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, which was set up by the CPUSA in New York City in 1961, is "Freedomways." During a National Board meeting of the CPUSA in 1961, it was stated "Freedomways" develops theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement and projects a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation to these matters.

- 2- Albany (RM)
 - (1- 100-) (JO HUDSON)
- 2- Buffalo (RM)
 - (1- 100-) (MILES M. JACKSON)
- 2- Los Angeles (RM)
 - (1- 100-) (J.K. OBATALA)
- 2- Milwaukee (RM)
 - (1- 100-) (NORMAN LEDERER)
- ①8- New York
 - (1- 100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE)
 - (1- 105-65684) (R. J. MEADDOUGH)
 - (1- 100-150297) (CALVIN H. SINNETTE)
 - ①(1- 100-122142) (AUDRE LORDE)
 - (1- 100-175244) (RONALD DELLUMS)
 - (1- 97-2204) (JOHN HENRICK CLARKE)
 - (1- 100-109166) (ERNEST KAISER)
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 - (1- 100-18618) (ESTHER JACKSON)
 - (1- 100-103269) (JOHN DEVINE)
 - (1- 100-151744) (KEITH E. BAIRD)
 - (1-) (BRUMSIC BRANDON, Jr.)
 - (1- 100-87531) (SHERLEY GRAHAM)
 - (1- 140-11474) (LOYLE HAIRSTON)
 - (1- 100-144189) (MARGARET BURROUGHS)
 - (1- -153708) (JAMES E. CAMPBELL)
 - (1- -123603) (RUBY DEE)
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The following are some of the articles in this issue of "Freedomways."

(1) Prologue (Poem) by AUDRE LORDE. LORDE is described as a teacher of Black Literature at John Jay College, NYC.

(2) The Coalition's The Thing, by RONALD W. DELLUMS. DELLUMS is described as being in the forefront of the "New Breed" of Young Congressmen who are a clear voice for the kind of basic social changes the US needs.

(3) Martin Luther King and W.E.B. Du Bois: A Personal Tribute by HARRY BELAFONTE.

(4) Genocide and Black Ecology by CALVIN H. SINNETTE, described as a MD and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Columbia University.

(5) The Nixon Doctrine and Africa, by J.K. OBATALA, described as a candidate for PhD in History at UCLA and as Assistant Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State, Los Angeles.

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MILES M. JACKSON reviewed a book. He is described as an Associate Professor at the State University of New York at Genesco. NORMAN LEDERER reviewed a book. He is described as Director of the Wisconsin State University at Platteville Ethnic and Minority Studies Center. JO HUDSON reviewed a book. She is described as a children's librarian in Albany, New York. RONALD R. BECKLES reviewed a book. He is described as a young trade unionist just completing an apprenticeship in the graphic arts.

R. J. MEADDOUGH reviewed several books. He is described as a New York writer whose short stories and book reviews have appeared in Freedomways before.

The original is located in 144189-1B.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-122142)

DATE: 7/10/72

FROM : SA NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA (#44)

SUBJECT: AUDREY LORDE
SM-C

The magazine "Freedomways", established by the CPUSA, in its issue #1, 1972, included a poem by the subject, who was described as a teacher of Black literature at the John Jay College, NYC.

On 7/7/72, subject's background, along with the fact her poem appeared in "Freedomways" and she is a teacher at the John Jay College, was made available to SA JAMES BRODY. SA BRODY was requested to make this information available to the New York City Police Department.

This case is being closed with the furnishing of subject's background to the NYCPD.

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